GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Jail Inmates
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of inmates and convicted prisoners who have completed their term and are still lodged in jails along with the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to release convicted prisoners having serious health problems; and

(c) if so, the policy guidelines being framed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): As per data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) at the end of 2014, there were 1326 convicts in the jails of the country due to non-payment of fine amount after completion of their sentence. A State/UT wise statement is at Annexure.

(b)to(c): "Prisons" is a State subject as per Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Therefore, the administration and management of prisons is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Accordingly, the matter regarding premature release of the prisoners is to be dealt by the respective States/UTs as per their rules.

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